

THEIR GREAT BAZAAR.

Plans for the Big Fair of the Public School Teachers.

The Most Unique Affair of the Kind Ever Held.

An Exhibition the Like of Which Has Not Been Seen in New York.

Active preparations are being made for the benefit of the Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association, to be held at the Lenox Lyceum, Dec. 10 to Dec. 20. The fair will be the first and most unique of its kind ever held in this city.

The Association is composed of teachers employed in the public schools.

Its object is to furnish pecuniary aid to those of its members who may stand in need of such aid in the form of annuities. To assist this worthy cause the fair will be held.

Relief is granted to female teachers, who, after thirty-five years' service, desire to retire; to male teachers who want to take a rest after forty years' service, and to members who, through continuous ill-health or other disability, are incapacitated for discharging their school duties.



MISS MATILDA DAVIS.

The organization is the largest of its kind in the educational world, and its philanthropic work includes members from every branch of the profession. Although but five years in existence it now pays annuities to over forty members, and it has accumulated a permanent fund of \$50,000, contributed entirely by the teachers of the city. It was incorporated in 1887.

The heavy demands on the treasury made it necessary to devise ways and means to increase the permanent fund. To do this in a manner whereby a bid for public patronage would not smack too strongly of the out-of-the-elbow poverty-stricken cry which is so offensive to refined taste, was a problem earnestly considered.

A solution of the problem was promptly found by Miss Matilda Davis, of 57 West Ninety-fifth street, Vice-Principal of

Grammar School No. 20 at 160 Chrystie street, who first suggested the idea of the Fair.

An Executive Committee was at once formed, and Miss Davis was made Chairman of the Fair Committee, with power to select her own assistants. These assistants represent every ward in the city, and to their concerted action is mainly due the success which has been so far attained.



J. T. BOYLE.

Miss Davis is a host in herself, endowed with executive ability, she is clear-headed and business-like in her methods, and her tact in managing conflicting elements makes her an able and efficient officer. The same remarks are true of the ladies and gentlemen who have so efficiently assisted her. They are mentioned by wards:

First Ward, Miss A. A. Wright; Second and Third, no schools; Fourth, Miss C. E. O'Brien, Joseph A. Wade; Fifth, Miss F. A. Constock; Sixth, Hugh F. O'Neill, M. J. Dwyer, Miss Margaret McKoon; Seventh, Miss A. E. R. Anderson; Eighth, Miss Mary J. Gallagher; Ninth, Miss Sarah J. Dorman; Tenth, Miss Jennie Kane, Edgar D. Shimer, Eleventh, Miss M. W. Halley; Twelfth, Miss A. F. Simpson, Wm. McCarthy, A. B. Halley; Thirteenth, Mrs. E. E. Keever; Fourteenth, Miss Mary McLain; Fifteenth, Miss G. Tindler; Sixteenth, Miss L. E. McGuire; Seventeenth, Miss Sarah E. Bucklee, W. C. Hess, G. Straubenmuller; Eighteenth, Miss A. B. Reynolds; Nineteenth, Miss E. Reed, E. R. Darling, George Hardy, Miss Julia Richman; Twentieth, Miss J. M. F. Hume, Mrs. J. A. Birdseye; Twenty-first, Mrs. Addie Duncan; Twenty-second, Miss Jennie Guggenheim, Matthew J. Elgas, Miss Annie M. Robinson; Twenty-third, Miss V. Jones; Twenty-fourth, Miss Caroline Emanuel.

The special teachers in the various departments are represented on the committee by Dr. Oscar Wetzel and B. H. Taguet.



GEO. E. HARDY.

Organization completed, the committee proceeded to elect a director for the fair. Of course the choice fell on Mr. A. B. De

Free, who, as manager of similar enterprises, has made a national reputation. Mr. De Free accepted the honor, and has since given his time and experience to the cause. Under his direction a systematic plan of work, which has already produced splendid results, was entered upon.

The members of the Fair Committee call separate meetings of the teachers in their respective wards and arrange the minor details of the work with them, so that practically every teacher in the city has an active part in the affair. The ward delegates make their report to the General Committee, which in turn reports to the Executive Committee, of which Mr. De Free is the head. He is aided by Vice-Chairman and School Commissioner A. L. Sanger, Secretary G. Straubenmuller, Treasurer George Hardy and M. J. Elgas, Eugen D. Hagen, John L. Freuent, Miss Julia Richman, Miss Margaret McKoon, Miss Davis and President Jacob T. Boyle, of the Teachers' Association proper, who are his advisers.

Thus far the principal work has been correspondence, of which every member of the two committees has done his or her share, and the distribution among teachers and friends of about 75,000 season tickets, an immense task, which fell to the lot of the able secretary, Mr. Straubenmuller.

These tickets are placed within the reach of everybody for a price. No body is barred from buying on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

As soon as the general public understands the noble object of the fair there will, no doubt, be a hearty response with the coin of the realm and donations of articles for the bazaar, which will be gladly received by any teacher.



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ference in financial results. With the active aid of the children success would be doubly assured.

In the mean time the men and women who have the arrangements in charge are not idle. Their requests for subscriptions and contributions have so far met with a hearty response in every quarter.

Most active among the workers is President Jacob T. Boyle, Principal of Grammar School No. 78. He is a veteran in his profession, and from the time the Teachers' Mutual Benefit Association was organized he has been an active factor in it.



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HUGH F. O'NEIL.

Mr. Hardy has an able assistant in Mr. Gustave Straubenmuller, the General Secretary of Grammar School No. 25. Prominent among the Ward Committee workers are Miss Julia Richman and Miss Margaret McKoon. The keen interest they took in the welfare of the organization no doubt suggested itself to Miss

Davis when she formed the Fair Committee, and when she selected these ladies as members she secured two invaluable assistants.

Both are untiring workers, and devote all their time not spent in the school to the success of the bazaar. Miss Richman is Chairman of the Nineteenth Ward Committee, but her labors are not confined to that district. She has worked hard among the business men of the city to get them interested, and has secured many costly contributions of articles.

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This exhibition which will include specimens of the writing, drawing, sewing, etc., of all the children, will be given by permission of the Board of Education under the personal supervision of City Superintendent Jasper. In the circular calling the attention of the principals to the exhibit, Mr. O'Neill says:

Altho such the space at the disposal of the committee is not as great as might be desired, by a little care and exertion on the part of the principals the exhibit can be made of such a character as to form a satisfactory answer to the many adverse criticisms of the New York school system.

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The exhibit of Mr. O'Neill's school is addressed inquiries to all of them, and have received many favorable replies. There have been long and animated discussions about the other features of the fair at the meetings of the committees.

A proposition has been made to dispose of articles by lottery and to swell the revenue by selling votes for the most popular principal or teacher. The opposition to this plan is led by Miss Caroline Emanuel, of Grammar School No. 63, annexed district, who will make vigorous efforts to defeat it.

She is deeply interested in the success of the movement, and has been most active among the ward workers to make it successful. She is a recognized leader, and has a large following.

Speaking of the matter to-day she said: "I think the Fair Committee would do wisely to bar all lotteries or any sort of gambling. It would be a bad example to the children. Selling chances and votes is gambling in my opinion."

The committee will decide the matter finally next Monday.

The fair has aroused unusual interest among all classes, and is being among those who have received training in the public schools, and from these most generous support is looked for by the Association.

The Gross Materialism of Our Age. (From *Harper's Weekly*.)

She—Ah, Mr. Bassett, there is one thing that money can't buy!

He—That is that—a girl who has plenty of it herself!

They Didn't Get Them. (From *Life*.)

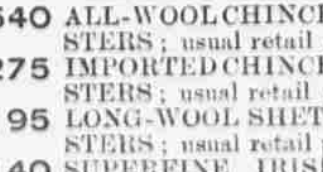
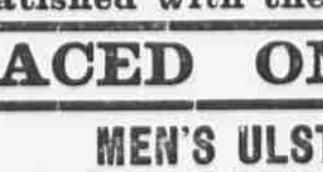
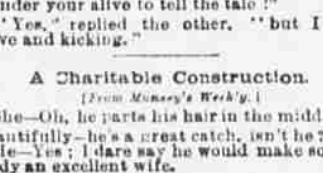
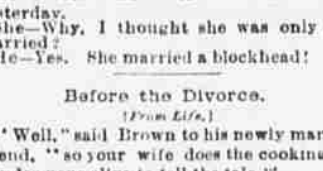
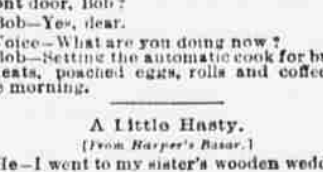
Small child going down street alone for the first time leaves the following lines on her bed: "If I come home dead I'll give my necklace to Mattie and my dime to Eddie. Farewell."

A Plausible Reason. (From *the Collier and a Journalist*.)

Briggs—I wonder why Robinson doesn't wear his overcoat out nights?

Griggs—He probably doesn't care to sleep at his uncle's.

LURED TO HIS FATE.

A Romance of October. (From *Harper's*.)

GLEANED HERE AND THERE.

Photographs of Daily Life from All Over the Country.

A Superstition That Began in the Day of Adam and Eve.

"Here is an answer to the question why peacocks' feathers are unlicked, and I trust that it will satisfy the lady on whose behalf I made the inquiry," says a writer in *London Truth*. "Whether this be the true explanation I cannot say, but I should think that it will do as well as any other."

"A lady for whom I lately searched 'Notes and Queries' in quest of information on the reason for the alleged unlikability of peacocks' feathers, has forwarded me a cutting from the current number of your journal."

"I found in 'Notes and Queries' series III, vol. viii, p. 528 a reference to Paigrove's 'Central and Eastern Arabia,' l. 826. We learn from that source that, according to Mahometan tradition, the peacock spread the wings of Paradise to Satan, and received a very ample share of the punishment awarded to him."

THIS TREE WORTH \$5,000.

A New York Lumber Dealer Gets a Bargain in the South.

On the side of the Big Black mountain, 300 yards from the Wise County line, in Harlan County, Kentucky, and about ten miles from Big Stone Gap, says the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, there stood, until last week, a tree that is thought to be the most valuable tree in the South American Mountains, and is, perhaps, without a peer on the continent.

It is a curious black walnut, and the owner had it grubbed up by the roots, so as not to lose even a chip. It is between five and six feet in diameter at the base. A New York lumber dealer bought the tree from an ignorant mountaineer for \$20, paid a man \$500 to move it to the nearest railroad, and thinks he will make a profit of \$5,000 from the tree.

A MEAN CONDUCTOR.

His Interruption Greatly Embarrassed a Pretty Girl.

How embarrassing some things are! There was a Troost avenue young lady, very pretty and very young, and she talked so the whole car could hear her, says the *Kansas City Star*.

"This is my birthday," she said. The whole car and her escort were interested. "Is that so?" said he.

"Guess how old."

"I can't."

"Twenty-fourth!" bawled the conductor, opening the door. Everyone knew it wasn't true, but she was so mad that she shut her mouth tight and the car heard no more.

BLACKENED CEILINGS.

Incandescent Lamps Not a Remedy For this Annoyance.

It is generally supposed that the use of the incandescent electric lamp completely obviates the blackening of ceilings, says *Industries*. This is a mistake, however,

as incandescent lamps do to some extent cause blackening.

It is probable that the blackening from a gas lamp is not due to unconsumed carbon, but to the deposition of particles from a current of hot air.

The incandescent lamp causes a current of hot air, which also deposits black particles, but unless the lamp is near the ceiling it is not easily observed, as the current of air is, of course, smaller.

It may be noticed in connection with this subject that the mica guards and glass bells arranged over gas burners do not themselves blacken, and do not appreciably lessen the blackening of the ceiling.

It is therefore probable that the deposit only takes place from hot air to a cold surface.

A REMARKABLE BLUFF.

But Then the Player Came from a Bluff City.

"We were about an hour out of Cincinnati the other morning," said a traveler in the *Contes House* lobby to a *Kansas City Star* reporter, "when a game of draw poker was started."

"I was leaning over the back of the next seat," catching it. The game ran pretty high. The man in front of me caught a five, six, nine, a king and an ace."

"He discarded the ace and king and drew two cards, coming out with nine high and no pair. I looked out the window while he played his hand. He won the pot."

"After the game we were sitting together and I ventured to remark, 'A pretty strong bluff, eh?'"

"I come from a city of bluffs, sir," he answered. "I think you understand I am not I got off the train."

A LIAR FROM DETROIT.

He Said There Was No Danger, But There Was.

A Detroit man who was in a collision on the Baltimore and Ohio Road two or three weeks ago says he was sitting just back of a farmer and his wife, says the *Detroit Free Press*. The train was running so fast that the couple were nervous, and by accident the woman turned about and inquired:

"Mister, do you think there is any danger?"

"No, ma'am—not in the least," he replied.

Five minutes later, the speed having perhaps increased a little, the woman again turned with:

"Mister, where are you from?"

"Detroit, ma'am."

"And there is no danger?"

"None whatever."

Ten seconds later came a grand crash, and the coach tumbled up and fell over. As it went, with everybody shouting and screaming, the voice of the woman was heard above everything, crying:

"Oh! William, what a liar that man from Detroit has turned out to be!"

"BIGGER" MAN THAN FORREST.

Col. Grangerfield, Sah, a More Daring Man.

Back in war times, writes a *St. Joseph (Mo.) Ballot* contributor, I had occasion to call on Gen. Forrest of the Confederate army. I had never met Gen. Forrest, and, behold! an officer of high, proud, and commanding carriage standing in front of headquarters, his resplendent uniform and general air of grandeur led me to think he was Forrest himself.

"Is this Gen. Forrest?" I asked, saluting him.

"No, sah," he said, returning my salute. "This is Col. John T. Grangerfield, sah, of the 38th Louisiana, sah; a more daring and far more dangerous man, sah."

The Great Overcoat Sale Still Going On

A WEEK AGO

We made the largest purchase of Overcoats ever made at one time in the history of the Clothing Trade—Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars' Worth—the entire magnificent stock of the largest manufacturer of Fine Clothing in New York. The owners of the goods were in Desperate Need of Ready Cash. We had it, and we got the stock At Our Own Price. We placed about half our purchase on sale Monday morning, and to-day we place the balance of the stock on our tables. The last shipment included the Finest Goods. The first lots are all sold, and such scenes of excitement as have transpired during this Sale never before occurred in a clothing store. Customers stood in open-mouthed wonder at the wonderful values given. Many persons bought two and three coats on account of their wonderful cheapness. Misfit Clothing Dealers and Small Merchants have eagerly bought all we would sell them, our prices are so much lower than they could buy the same goods at wholesale.

The Overcoats are Simply Elegant, made of the Richest and Finest Fabrics and in the most "Correct" Style. "Schnabel's" Chinchillas and Beavers. "Carr's" Meltons, Eredon Kerseys, Fine Fancy Overcoatings and Shetlands, intended for merchant tailors' use. Many were intended to Wholesale at \$35, \$38, \$40. We bought them for less than the Raw Material Cost, and are selling for \$12 and \$15 garments worth two and three times the money. NOT A SINGLE CUSTOMER HAS LEFT OUR STORE DISSATISFIED. ONLY TWO DAYS MORE. Don't Miss Your Opportunity.

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SEE THE NEW LOTS PLACED ON SALE TO-DAY.

MEN'S OVERCOATS.		MEN'S OVERCOATS.		MEN'S ULSTERS.		CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS.	
790	Genuine Imported Kersey OVERCOATS, blue, black and brown colors, silk-velvet inlaid collars, silk sleeve linings, beautifully made and finished, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, \$22; our price for two days.....	\$10	492	Finest Quality Imported MELTON, KERSEY and IRISH FRIEZE OVERCOATS, heavy cassimere lined, ultra fashionable in style, double-breasted box Overcoats, strap seams, triple-stitched edge, superfine finish, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, \$35; our price for two days.....	\$18	4 to 12 Years.	
485	Imported Kersey OVERCOATS of the best grades, lined and trimmed unusually well, and in all fashionable shades—brown, tan, "London smoke" pearl, Victoria blue, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, \$25; our price for two days.....	\$12	290	Genuine "CARR'S" MELTON OVERCOATS of the very finest quality, silk lined throughout, made by specially engaged journeymen tailors for the very finest trade, and fully equal to the best custom tailoring—CANNOT BE DUPLICATED IN NEW YORK TO-DAY FOR LESS THAN \$45.00; our price for two days.....	\$20	1,013	BEAUTIFUL CASSIMERE CAPE COATS, usual retail \$1.38 price, \$3.50.....
614	Faultlessly Made and Trimmed ENGLISH MELTON OVERCOATS, double or single breasted, cassimere lining, silk sleeve lining, black, gray "Oxford mixed" and blue, USUAL RETAIL PRICE, \$30; our price for two days.....	\$15	195	of the Choicest and Finest Silk lines MONTAGNAC, ELYSIAN and KERSEY OVERCOATS of the very finest quality obtainable, and made in every respect equally as well as the best 5th Avenue Custom-Tailor's work—15 different styles, shades and colors, NEVER SOLD AT RETAIL FOR LESS THAN \$60; our price for two days.....	\$24	670	ALL-WOOL CHEVIOT CAPE COATS, usual retail \$2.25 price, \$6.....
1260	Imported CHINCHILLA and FUR BEAVER OVERCOATS made and trimmed in the best manner. Ten different colors and styles; extra sizes for "stout" and "tall" men; USUAL RETAIL PRICE, \$20, \$25 and \$28; our price for two days.....	\$15				420	ALL-WOOL CHINCHILLA CAPE COATS, usual retail \$3.90 price, \$9.....
						328	ELEGANT IMPORTED FANCY OVERCOATS, \$4.90 usual retail price, \$12.....
						BOYS' OVERCOATS,	
						13 to 18 Years.	
						400	HANDSOME CASSIMERE OVERCOATS, usual retail \$2.50 price, \$6.....
						340	ALL-WOOL CHINCHILLA OVERCOATS, usual retail \$3.90 price, \$9.....
						264	ALL-WOOL BEAVER AND KERSEY OVERCOATS, \$6.50 usual retail price, \$14.....
						192	IMPORTED CHINCHILLA ULSTERS, usual retail \$7.90 price, \$18.....